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POLICE DRAG-NET GATHERS FOUR "COAL DROPPERS"

Two of the Alleged Offenses Occurred in

dropping coal and dirt on E Street and other thoroughfares in the city. Ferretvester's men for breaking the police laws, they were brought before the judge, whose house of justice stands within a block of E Street.

The men were John Howard arrested by Private McKeever for dropping coal from his cart on G Street, between Seventh and North Capitol Streets; James H. Howard, arrested by the same officer for the same offense; David Price, arrested by Private MacDonald for drop-ping coal on E Street, and Preston L. Davis, the foreman of the Littlefield & Alvord stables, who was called up to explain why one of his drivers had strewn dirt along E Street.

Cases Continued.

The four had obtained the services o Attorney Colbert to defend them, and at his request their cases were continued

until next week.

The technical charge on which the

The technical charge on which the men were arrested was "violation of the police regulations." The arrests were made as a consequence of the recent order by Major Sylvester that all officers should arrest the coal scatterers or they would be summoned before him for neglect of duty.

"I am glad the police are taking active steps in the matter," said Commissioner West today, when informed of the arrests. "It is the only way to keep the streets clean. Let the drivers be shown that they must observe the law or bear the unpleasant consequences."

Mr. Stutler Delighted.

Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, was also delighted to hear of the summary way is which the policemen had taken charge of the coal

policemen had taken charge of the coal propers. He said:
"For many years E Street has cost the Street Cleaning Department twice as much as any other thoroughfare in the city. It has required endless sweeping, without any noticeable results, and The Times is to be commended for the service it has done in bringing the several branches of the local government into co-operation on this matter."

In the battleship. Maine at Pensacola, another chapter was added to the series of misfortunes which has caused the Maine to be nicknamed the "Ship of Troubles."

Overwork is the cause given for the suicide of Lieutenant Commander Warburton, who was chief engineer of the battleship Maine. His predecessor,

Still on Alert.

alert for further offenders, and will in no way relax their vigliance. Henceforth, arrests will invariably result from the following combination of circumstances: Coal dropped on the street from carts—seen by the police—driver of the carts located by the authorities.

The suicide occurred yesterday morning. As the executive officer passed

LIEUT. SMITH LEADS

Will Receive Hoff Memorial Medal. Other Graduates and Order of Standing.

Announcement has been made by the War Department of the standing of the student officers who are to be graduated next week from the Army Medical School

First Lieut. L. L. Smith stands at the head of the class, and will receive the Hoff memorial medal. The other honor graduates, in order, are Edward B. Vedger, Henry F. Piper, R. B. Mil-charge of the En Joseph F. Siler, and Robert E. the late Dr. Will-de. Other members of the class Commissioner Noble. Other members of the class stand in the following order:

James D. Heysinger, E. G. Bingham,
C. R. Snyder, C. L. Stedman, J. R.
Shook, J. L. Matsee, E. W. Miller,
William H. Tefft, John B. Huggins,
Charles L. Foster, John R. Bosley,
George F. Juenemann, Arthur M.
Whaley, G. McD. Van Poole, Robert C.
Loving, Fred W. Palmer, Park Howell,
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Percy L. Jones, Henry S. Kiersted, G.
G. Brown, and Theodore Lamson.

TROOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO ON TRANSPORT LOGAN

Department of the arrival of the trans carrying 125 cavalrymen, 100 field artil parrying is cavalryned, to hete under lerymen, 50 engineer recruits under Major Benham, Lleutenant Colone Brush, Eleventh Infantry; Captain Grove, and Lieutenants Metcalf, H. Rodgers, McIntyre, and Langdon were among the officers on the transport.

WEATHER REPORT.

he weather will be generally clear i pleasant tonight and tomorrow in East and South, except in the lower e region, where show flurries will tinue tonight. It will be cooler tonight in the middle Atlantic and northern portion of the louth Atlantic States.

TEMPERATURE THE SUN.

Bun sets today...... Bun rises tomorrow...

\$1.50 Per 100 Feet. to., 6th & N. Y. Ave .-

FLOODS RAGING IN OHIO VALLEY

Scioto River Eight Inches Above High-Water Mark at Prospect---Traffic Suspended Over Erie Division---Loss Heavy.

E Street.

MARION, Ohio, April 2.—While the Whetstone has fallen at Caledonia and Waldo, and the Scioto at La Rue, the latter stream is eight inches above the high water mark at Prospect, and is rising two inches an hour.

The water is running through the streets of the village. Many families have had to move. The Scioto is also above the record at Green Camp and has made many homes untenable. The water there is forty inches over the Erie tracks. Between here and Hepburn, on the Erie, a passenger train is flood bound, but the passengers have been taken off.

Traffic Suspended.

MARION, Ohio, April 2.—While the Water danded and wand water is now anticipated. Superintendent Meacham, of Toledo, is here to superintend the repairs, and he is hopeful that there will be no further damage.

The water is running through the streets of the village. Many families is hopeful that there will be no further damage.

The water in the reservoir is higher than it has been for fifty years. Five thousand acres of land on the south side of the immense body of water are flooded and many farmers have been formed to leave their homes. Bridges are gone on all the roads leading out of town, and no trains have arrived since Thursday. The electric light plant and water works are flooded. The city was in darkness last night, and is without fire protection.

Depends on Wind.

There has been no traffic over the Chicago and Erie division of the Erie since Friday morning, owing to the flood in Lake Mercer. The bank there is conthe Big Scioto, and late yesterday the sidered safe unless the wind changes to the Big Scioto, and late yesterday the Little Scioto went on the rampage. It washed out the bridge north of Longville, and also about a mile of track.

Both the Erie and Big Four tracks are under water. Near Longville, the backwater has reached the second floor of a number of farm houses. Farmers were warned in time, and drove their stock to high ground. Two engines were standing on the Big Four bridge at Longville to keep it from floating away. The water is washing over it. Wagon bridges have been washed away all over the county. The loss will be heavy.

St. Marva Situation.

St. Marys Situation.

CELINA, Ohio, April 2 .- A heavy wind is still driving an immense volume of water against the bulkhead bank of

ST. MARYS, Ohio, April 2.—The points on the east bank of St. Marys reservoir which were weakened by the high water

Misfortunes Envelope The Battleship Maine

Suicide of Lieut. Commander Warburton the Latest of a Series of Disasters Aboard Vessel Since Launching.

with the suicide of Lieutenant Com-, open and the mander Townsend Warburton yesterday lying on the floor in a pool of blood, on the battleship Maine at Pensacola, with a revolver in his hand and a wound

battleship Maine. His predecess Still on Alert.

Dolice say they are still on the broke down under the heavy work, and

As the executive officer passed shot. The door of the cabin was forced | while the

in his right temple. Forty minutes after in his right temple. Forty minutes after
the shot was fired the man was dead,
and examination showed that a
ber buillet had entered the rig'
and passed out of the head
left ear.
Lieutenant Commander
home is in Philadelphia, v
lives, at 442 Chestnut Str
will be sent there for b

Misfortune has f from the time she supports of the quate and the

ARMY MEDICAL STUDENTS Hospital Investigation

of Information Investigation Wou'd Based.

No investigation will harges of irregular athorities e investiga-

Dr. Hawkes, Who Is Dead Sole Possessor

ais is the final result of the rather rimonious contest of the past winter etween Dr. Hawkes on the one side and W. J. Boardman, representing the hospital management, on the other, Dr. hospital management, on the other, Dr. Hawkes, before his death, declared that the prevalent state of affairs at the hospital was such as to call for investigation and correction. This was indignantly denied by Mr. Boardman, president of the board of directors of the institu-

the board of directors of the tion.

At the time of Dr. Hawkes' dearn, over a month ago, the Board of Charities had announced that it would shortly begin the investigation of the charges. Since his death, so far as could be found out, the matter has been in abeyance. A few days ago the board held a meeting and reached the decision to renounce all intention of holding the inquiry.

DICTMENTS

cions to be cor-

portant Work-The re Suppressed.

received a

nuds. Names withheld

VAGRANT WITH MONEY

rtland Adjourns After Having Cash and Bank Books, Mary Flood, of Danbury, Conn., Is Taken to Poor Farm.

DANBURY, Conn., April 2.-Faint inspector Greene, at from hunger and exhaustion, Mary ited April 1, in which Flood, seventy years old, staggered into the town poor office last night. She all acjourn tomorrow, said that she had been wandering for ients against sixteen three days, homeless and hungry.

When the customary inspection was

made at the almshouse the matron disits are for frauds in covered a roll of bank bills concealed nd timber lands, and in one of the old woman's garments. A of arrests that have further search revealed other money cunningly secreted. Bank books showed that she had been a depositor in the savings banks of this city for years. The selectmentwill ask a conservator over the woman and her money will be used for her comfort.

FISHBACK TALKS WITH PRESIDENT ON PORTO RICO

Enthusiastic Over Conditions Now Prevailing in Island.

DENIES HUNGER TALES

Home—Question of Successor Discussed.

Forto Rican affairs, and the probable uccessor of Governor Hunt, were subcts of discussion for some time at the Representative G. W. Fishback, of the

Representative Fishback was in a porition to tell the President that Governor Hunt would sail for the United States on the 12th, and the President was in a position to surprise Mr. Fishback with his thorough acquaintance with insular affairs. As the represen-tative put it, "he knows all about it." Mr. Fishback is enthusiastic over the conditions prevailing in the island. The eports that starvation exists he charterizes as absurd. "Of course," says people who starve in every community

for lack of the energy necessary to
make a living. But you will find that
the percentage of suffering in Portio
Rico, notwithstanding the fact that the population is denser than in most sections of the United States, is less than that in any thickly settled community

Soil Is Prolific.

"This is for the reason that you can e in your hammock and suck an orange and with your big toe kick a sweet po-ato out of the ground, so prolific is he soil, and so little the labor involved in its cultivation. When you hear of case of starvation, it is invariably in

case of starvation, it is invariably in some isolated mountain town. When you get to the town, your p'atlent' is back in the one you came from. In other words, you cannot locate him."

The visiting representative paid a high tribute to the personality and record of Governor Hunt, who leaves the island to take his nex position as district judge of Montana. It is understood that the recommendation of Governor Hunt will greatly influence the President in his selection of a successor. While no name has been given out, it is understood, the choice will probably fail upon one of the present staff of island officials, several of whom have made such excellent records as to win the high regard of both retiring governor and the President.

The Foraker Act.

The Foraker Act. Foraker act, says Mr. Fishback,

ates as the constitution of the isl-d, and has proved thoroughly satisactory as a working basis. The transfer of the offices and system of admin-istration from the old to the new system has been almost entirely effected. clerks in the general office, and that without friction or trouble of E. M. Hoffman, a machinist any kind.

The Spanish element has been completely eliminated, and the tariff regu-lations put in successful operation. The only remaining desire of the people of the island, according to the visiting rep-resentative, is for citizenship, and their hope for a speedy granting of this priv-llege is very strong.

out, and a hole large enough to pass a car through was torn in the brick wall is making plans to control the conven-tion, but will be hotly opposed by Mr. Smoot.

Now Whol' doned CULBERSON TO DEMAND WIDE INVESTIGATION

Texas Senator Will Offer Amendment to Postoffice Appropriation Bill Appointing Commission of Eight.

An investigation by Congress of the entire Postoffice Department is the subject of an intended amendment to be offered by Mr. Culberson to the postoffice appropriation bill now pending in the

The Texas Senator purposes to create commission of three Senators and five members of the House to investigate the status of the postal laws, with the view of recommending any changes deemed advantageous, and to ascertain whether there has been extravagance, violations law or corruption in the department's

ministration.

The commission is to be authorized to during the recess of Congress; to rect on or before December next, and to ve power to call upon the Postmaster neral for assistance from such officials may be valuable in assisting in the SQUADRON TO CRUISE

IN AFRICAN WATERS APPEALS FOR CHARITY Chadwick Will Leave Pensacola Late

TO TRANSFER LIBRARY. brary of that department from the su-pervision of General Greely, chief sig-nal officer, to the military information division of the general staff.

SCORES SERVICE PENSION ORDER

"Ten Years Ago," Says Mallory, "Men Were Half Disabled at 65-Why Now at 62?"

The service pension order of Commis- sumption ten years ago, what sudder sioner Ware was the basis of a short de-bate in the Senate this afternoon. Mr. the Interior to change it now? If it Mallory concluded his remarks in criti-cism of the propriety of that order, and The Pension Office had no right to make Mr. Spooner, Mr. McCumber, and others an arbitrary ruling ten years ago, and joined in defense of it.

Gov. Hunt Soon to Sail for the disability pension order, under which

Spooner Replies.

Mr. Spooner insisted that the Secretary of the Interior was authorized under the pension act of 1890 to make rules and regulations to carry the act into effect. Under that law, he claimed, the Secretary could prescribe any rules he deemed proper to govern the presenta-

tion of evidence.

To this the Florida Senator replied that no right was given the Secretary to make any rule that change I the rules of evidence.

ence, that sixty-five years made a man half as capable of earning a living at manual labor as a man who had not reached that are a living at the center of his State, where poor settlers were assisted to be settlers.

the disability pension order, under which soldiers having reached the age of sixty-two are presumed to be half disabled and unable to earn a living at abled and unable to earn a living at wished to submit some remarks before wished to submit some remarks before Opposes Gibson Bill. Mr. Warren then secured the floor to

> cent legislation repealing the timber and stone act, and substituting less onerous provisions for the old law. He also op posed the repeal of the commutation clause of the homestead law, which, he said, was the only protection given the

poor man who was trying to develop a farm of his own in the West. manual labor as a man who had not where poor settlers were assisted to be-reached that age. If that was the pre-

SMOOT CARRIES TANK EXPLOSION COSTS ONE LIFE

Others May Die at Mead- Mormon Senator Will Name ville, Pa.

WRECKS IMMENSE BUILDING KEARNS MAKES NO FIGHT

Shops Blown Out and Entire City Jarred.

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 2.-An air tank, six by ten feet, exploded in the machine shops of the Eric Railroad shops here this morning, partially wrecking the immense building and killing one man instantly and injuring sev-The dead man is John C. Fredericks,

gang foreman, aged thirty-seven, who leaves a wife and two children.

The men seriously injured are Harry Cummings and Ernest H. Hausman, clerks in the general office, and Capt.

The windows and skylight were blown to pass a

UTAH PRIMARIES

Delegates.

Windows and Skylight of Machine But Bitter Struggle Will Mark State Convention to Name Legislative Ticket.

> SALT LAKE Utah April 2 -As a rasult of the primaries held through this State, Senator Reed Smoot will control the convention that will meet here on April 8 to choose delegates to the Republican National Convention.
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> Senators Kearns and his followers de-

cided to make no fight at the primaries, but to reserve their strength for the battle that will come when a legislative ticket is chosen, later in the month. Smoot will not be a delegate to the national convention, but will name the six men who will represent the Utah party. A bitter struggle will mark the State convention to nominate State officers and a legislative ticket. Senator Kearns.

LONDON, April 2.—A dispatch to the

Cemetery Watchman Refuses to Resign

J. L. Barnes Turns Down Request of the Rock Creek Vestrymen---Stoutly Defends Stand He Has Taken.

J. L. Barnes, watchman at the Rock turned loose. That placed me in a false Creek Cemetery, has refused to hand light before the lot owners, who were in his resignation, to take effect March 31, as requested by the vestrymen, and lot owners who have protested against I am not leaving the cemetery because his removal are interested in the result. I failed to do my duty."
In explanation of this action Watch- In view of Watchman Barnes' deter-

man Barnes said today:
"I do not feel that I should resign my
position at Rock Creek just at the present time, in view of the position in which it would place me before the public. A large number of the lot owners know that I have apprehended in the

ELDER J. F. KOONTZ TAKES CHARGE OF CHURCH

Elder J. F. Koontz arrived yesterday

The church is supported by voluntary An order is about to be issued by the Contributions, and all pews are free and Everyone is assured of a corolal welcome to all the services of the church.

Try Piso's Cure for asthma. It often relieves at once. All druggists. 25c,-Adv,

nination to make a fight against the management of the cemetery the situation is being watched with interest by

Protests have been made against the ecision of the vestry to abolish the know that I have apprehended in the cemetery grounds many persons whom I caught deliberately stealing foliage and committing depredations.

"Why was it when I took these offenders before the authorities they were never prosecuted, and were promptly in the protected."

"Why was it when I took these offenders before the authorities they were never prosecuted, and were promptly in the vestry to abolish the position of watchman on the ground that it will leave the cemetery totally unprotected. The rules of the cemetery prohibiting visitors on Sundays except those who have lots, are very strict, but without a watchman some of the lot owners feel that their graves will not be protected.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE

miral French E. Chadwick, will leave charge of the Brethren Church for the past ten years, to take charge of the past ten years, to take charge of the First Brethren Church corner Twelfth southwest coast of Africa, and will then go around the Cape of Good Hope and cruise along the eastern coast as far as Zanzibar, where stops will be made as Zanzibar, where stops will be made as Zanzibar, where stops will be made the charge of the Brethren Church of Sergeantsville, N. J.

Elder Koontz is held in the highest it will pay visits to ports of call on the South Atlantic station before going to the Caribbean for the winter maneuvers. Although the African coast is within the limits of the South Atlantic station, few American warships go there.

TO TRANSFED LINK.

RUSSIAN HORDES READY TO MOVE ON THE ENEMY

Kuropatkin Expected to Attack on Yalu River This Week.

TROOPS AWE CHINESE

Manchurians Dubious of Japan's Chances of Final Success.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—This week probably will see the advance of large masses of Russian troops from Mukden and Liaoyang to positions on the upper and lower Yalu River, where speak in opposition to the Gibson desert land repeal bill. He argued against any hasty action, and called attention to re-General Kuropatkin has decided to at-

Nevertheless, military circles here are convinced that an important engage-ment on land is not to be looked for so soon, for they prophesy the apparent activity of the Russians will be limited

to storming Pakchon and Anju, as well as advancing on Pingyang, where the Japanese have but a small force still. At sight of the numerous Russian troop trains the Chinese in Manchuria are said to shake their heads and re-mark, "How will Japan fare aga." ist vast, warlike preparations, too, which prevents the Chinese from placing faith in the numberless leaflets distributed throughout Manchuria announcing Jap-

Only the Chunchuses, with whom for he moment the Cossacks have more ouble than with the Japanese, still ope that the Japanese entry into Manthuria will be the signal for wholesale ook with much misgiving on the Rus-ian troop trains, and are beginning to withdraw slowly, apparently thinking that Japan's struggle cannot have a suc-

RUSSIAN FORCES RETREAT TO YALU

SEOUL, April 2.-General Allen, the American military attache, who turned from Ping Yang, says that the Russians throughout northern Korea are losing splendid chances and are failing to take advantage of the natural obstacles to the Japanese advance. It is evident that they do not intend to make a stand south of the Yaiu River. According to Japanese advices the Russian cavalry marching to Wiju are in a distressed condition. Their horses are

dying from starvation. Drove Russians Along.

TOKYO, April 2.—It is unofficially stated that after ousting the Russians from Chongju, on March 28, the Japan-

Chronicle" from Cheefoo says that the Russian consul there states that the Cossacks have retaken Anju (Chongju?)
The Japanese say that the Russian fleet has ceased venturing any distance from Port Arthur. The steamer Kungping, with coal from Chingwantao, has arrived at Cheefoo unchallenged.

Troops at Yanposhan. A Dispatch to the "Times" from Niuchwang says that a messenger from the Yalu River reports that there had been no fighting up to March 27. The Rus-sians have four guns at Yanposhan;

sians have four guns at Yanposnan, where there are many troops.

There are more guns and troops at Anchau twelve miles from Antung. Other forces are at Takushan and Tatungkau. The commissariat has been organized at Fengvangshons.

The Russian Timber Company, which was operating on the Yalu River, has stopped work, abandoning a quantity of lumber, and the Chinese and Koreans who furnished the company with supplies have lost heavily.

WAITING FOR LEVIN TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT

Charged with making a murderous assault on Jacob Levin, a g. sceryman, in his store, 213 Third Street southwest, about two weeks ago, Henry Lancaster, one of the negro suspects who was arrested by the police of the Fourth pre-cinct, was remanded to jail by Judge Scott in the Police Court, to await iden-

tification by his alleged victin tincation by his alleged victim.

Levin is at the Emergency Hospital, where he was removed on the morning of the assault, and although he is somewhat improved, the physicians do not care to have his quiet disturbed by allowing him to identify the negro for fear of causing a setback in his coadition.

When the physicians give their con-sent and think Levin is strong enough to bear the ordeal, Lancaster will be taken to the hospital for identification,

M STREET RAILWAY BILL ON SENATE CALENDAR

The M Street crosstown raffway bill, mittee and ordered favorably reported, Mr. Hansbrough. It is known as Senate

FELL DOWN STAIRS.

The condition of Gen. A. V. Rice, of the Census Office, who is ill at the Iowa Apartment. House, is reported unchanged today.

General Rice is suffering with a complication of diseases, and on account of his age there is little hope for his recovery. He is being attended by Dr. G. A. Balloch.

Falling down a flight of stairs in a local department store about noon yesterday, Mrs. H. S. Darby, of 1124 Tenth Street northwest, broke her right arm near the shoulder. She was removed to the home of G. V. Johnson, where she is visiting, and was treated by a physician.